

# Columbia League Organizes Circuit for Coming Amateur Season---Hughes to Umpire

## CHANGES ARE MADE IN COLUMBIA LEAGUE FOR COMING SEASON

Six-Club Circuit to Play on Field Near Old Grounds.

## HUGHES IS SELECTED FOR INDICATOR WORK

Manager Clarke Griffith to Throw Out Ball When Season Opens.

Announcement is made today of the Columbia League roster and the changes effected in the organization. As the list now stands to be submitted to the amateur commission, the American League and Trust, the Braddock A. C., Kensington, Southern R. R., the Washington Times, and the Mt. Pleasant A. C. will compete for the championship.

In the selection of "Shorty" Hughes as umpire the fans will no doubt be more than pleased. Hughes has given satisfaction wherever he has worked and is thorough and capable in every respect. The grounds used will be those in the vicinity of Sixteenth street and Columbia road, back of the old playing field.

The season will open April 23, and Manager Clarke Griffith, always an admirer and patron of amateur baseball, is to be asked to start the league in throwing the first ball.

Complete satisfaction is expressed today by followers of amateur baseball over the prompt and decisive manner in which the commission handled the first case in dispute which came up under the new rules of the commission at Spaulding's store last night. That the new rules of the commission will admit of none of the discrepancies and differences which arose in the past, is the opinion of those connected with the amateur sport.

The case in point is that involving player Lovelace who signed with two teams under the commission, that of the Lottier Provision Company, of the Independence League, and that of the Sherwood team of the Sunday School League. The Lottier contract antedated the Sherwood agreement and the commission ruled to that effect. A member of the commission stated that the case was not closed as far as the player's services were concerned, but that the commission would be acquainted with other facts in the case.

Managers Gave Presents. Discussion arose over the statement that managers were giving players presents to sign with certain teams and statements were made to the effect that the commission would be informed of the offending managers. In order that there may be no more conflicts and that the commission rules might be observed the following rule was put into effect:

That the first of conflicting contracts under the commission which were executed prior to March 4 will be null and void.

Fred P. Bennett, of the Interior Department, was elected vice president of the commission and received the hearty congratulations and support of President Robert H. Young. Mr. Bennett's name was proposed by President Bennett, of the Interior Department, and carried the rising vote of the commission.

The East Washington Sunday School League came under the commission and will play at Thirteenth and D streets northeast. The grounds of the old Sunday School League will be announced at the next meeting of the commission, according to W. R. Love, of that circuit.

Contracts Distributed. Contracts were distributed to the presidents of the various leagues, and Manager Charles King, of the Spaulding, stated that the rules of the commission would be forthcoming in the near future. The constitution and by-laws will be printed as soon as the intercity committee can arrange the rules governing the fall games can be determined.

The clerks of the Navy Department may form a league under the Amateur Commission, it is understood. Six clubs may form the circuit, and use one of the White Lot diamonds. Overtures will be made at the next meeting of the commission, according to those interested in the newly forming circuit.

Curley Brown Obtains Laurel Track Sanction

Sanction for a race meeting at Laurel Park, Md., was granted by the Jockey Club at a meeting in New York of the stewards yesterday, to H. D. Curley Brown, owner of the track. The sanction gives Laurel thirty days of racing, from Saturday, May 18, to Saturday, June 22.

The application of the Charleston Fair and Racing Association to extend its meeting to include Saturday, April 20, was denied. The appointment of the following officials for the spring meeting of the Jamestown Jockey Club was approved: Edward Cole, holder; Joseph A. Murphy, steward; representing the Jamestown Jockey Club; Joseph McLehman, racing secretary; Horace Conkling, clerk of the scales; Harry White, paddock and patrol judge; George F. Miller, timer; Mays Cassidy, starter; and Frank J. Bryan, steward to represent the Jockey Club.

Yesterday's meeting of the Jockey Club stewards was attended by August Belmont, F. K. Sturgis, Gray Griswold, and Andrew Miller.

## YALE TEAM IS READY FOR INITIAL GAME WITH GEORGETOWN

Heffernan, In Debut, Defeats Vermont and Makes Good Impression.

The Yale baseball squad twenty strong arrived this morning ready for the game at Georgetown Field this afternoon. The Illtoppers will meet a popular rival in what is considered the first big game of the year and one that ushers in a series with the best college teams in the country. Tomorrow Yale will meet Cornell at the Capital City park, North Capitol and L. streets.

Georgetown maintained its stride set earlier in the week and won over the University of Vermont yesterday by 4 to 1. Heffernan, who made his debut, should have had a shoutout had not "Toby" Davis heaved the ball over first base in the ninth inning, and saved the way for a lone tally. Coach Sprigman sent Heffernan to the box to the surprise of a number of followers of the team. The lefthander showed well in his first appearance and should prove a valuable asset to the efficient pitching corps.

Yale has been at work in the cages up to the present time and will have its first game out of doors. The squad is reported in good shape and Coach Quinby is looking forward to a successful system under the new system of coaching.

GEORGETOWN	VERMONT
Hollander, 1 1 2 4 1	Dowd, 0 0 0 0 0
Logan, 0 0 0 0 0	Williams, 0 0 0 0 0
McDonnell, 0 0 0 0 0	McDonnell, 0 0 0 0 0
Perry, 0 0 0 0 0	Holstein, 0 0 0 0 0
Daly, 0 0 0 0 0	Dutton, 0 0 0 0 0
McCarthy, 1 1 0 0 0	Fraser, 0 0 0 0 0
Davis, 0 0 0 0 0	Flaherty, 1 0 0 0 0
Heffernan, 0 0 0 0 0	Winkler, 0 0 0 0 0
Berry, 0 0 0 0 0	Berry, 0 0 0 0 0
Totals, 4 27 19 1	Totals, 1 0 0 0 0

\*Batted for Dutton in ninth.  
Hollander out, hit by batted ball.  
Georgetown, 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 X-4  
Vermont, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1

## Snow Stops Game, But Holy Cross Loses Out

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—The University of Pennsylvania scored its tenth victory of the season here yesterday, winning from the Holy Cross nine by the score of 4 to 3. The game was called in the seventh inning owing to a heavy snow squall. Lynch, of Holy Cross, outpitched Imlay, of Penn, but lost the game owing to damaging errors at critical moments.

R. H. E.  
Holy Cross, 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 6 3  
Penn, 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 4 3 1

Batteries—Lynch and Gann; Smiley and Hawk. Umpire—Hickey.

## Giants May Be Fined For Broken Contract

NEW ORLEANS, April 4.—John McGraw, leader of the Giants, has again clashed with the national commission. Charles Frank, head of the Pelicans, charged McGraw with violating a contract with him by failing to have his stars play two exhibition games with the New Orleans club and notified the commission. Garry Herrmann today informed the New Yorker that he is liable to a fine of \$1,000 per game for not keeping his engagements.

## Detroit Tigers Get Money for Accident

The Detroit Tigers are fairly staggering under the weight of money collected from the railroad on which their train was smashed up at Vicksburg Monday night. Claim agents of the road visited both sections of the squad, and the players who were hurt settled their cases for from \$100 down to \$10 apiece. Altogether the little wreck cost the railroad something like \$1,000.

## BINGLES AND BUNTS

By Grantland Rice.

Now and then some earnest athlete who has drifted back in the profession—or who has retired for a spell from beneath the great white spotlight of fame, attempts to make the return journey.

Once in a while they succeed. Jimmy Callahan, the White Sox leader, not only came back but traveled on beyond his original stopping point in the game. Stanley Ketchel returned after a championship defeat, and one or two others have managed to wiggle back along the trail.

But so far as we know, which isn't so far, perhaps, there is only one athlete in the arena who has ever attempted to flash a double-jointed or two-ply return.

We refer to J. Garland Stahl, ex-manager and ex-first baseman in 1911, who in 1912 is gliding back along the double trail.

### Tough Assignment.

J. Garland has drawn a tough assignment, but we believe he will be able to pick up both ends of the journey. Jake first broke in at Illinois University, where, in company with Carl Lundgren and Freddie Falkenberg, he helped smear the collegiate baseball outlook in rival camps from Champagne to Vermont. Stahl was a catcher at Illinois, but, like Frank Chance and Fred Tenney, soon doffed the steel mask for a stand at first base, where he soon won fame upon the Washington roster. Jake made a bold stab at managing the Washington array, but the odds were against him, and he was soon pursuing three-base hits as a New York outfielder. From Broadway and its environs, Stahl was shifted to Boston, where he resumed at first base once more. Although in the prime of manhood, the pink of condition, etc., Jake finally decided to leave the national frolic flat upon its back to mingle amid the fragrant odor of new-mown coin. His father-in-law was manager and field captain of the bank which drafted the ball player, and Jake forswore the game for good and all. He was through. Nothing else to it. They couldn't drag him back with a flock of Georgia mules.

### Should Make Good.

So J. Garland, ex-banker, is back with us again—back at the head of his club and back wearing the elastic mitt which crowns the horny-handed son of the sack. He has the ingredients of the successful manager and it isn't likely that his brief abode among a flutter of banknotes has dimmed his batting eye. The sight of coin in bulk generally sharpens the vision. He has a good ball club to work with and his presence at first plugs up the one bad infield gap. With Stahl, Speaker, Duffy, Lewis, and Hooper looming up in a row, the Red Sox attack should be one of the most powerful in the league. And with Joe Wood, Buck O'Brien and a few others leading the defense, the combination should carry along the argument in decisive style. In fact, ball players around the circuit figure the Red Sox out as one of the few clubs able to grapple with the Athletics—provided they let Jake run the team from the field without too much edging in from above. It will be an interesting spectacle at any rate—one of the most interesting of the campaign which slips its leash a week from today. And only the standing of the clubs and the daily box score can furnish the answer.

But the call of the wild came back at last—as it has come to all who quit in their prime, except Fielder Jones and Dave Fultz.

The siren song of swat began drifting through the musty bank vaults in 1911, and after a long siege and a valiant resistance, Jake finally surrendered and sheathed his fountain pen for good.

He was too much of an athlete to stay away. At Illinois he had been both a baseball and football star, and his six feet two of virile flesh felt more at home upon the battlefield of the game than it did wasting time among a carload of pesky banknotes.

The sight of money is said to have grown repugnant to him. In his changed environment, he mourned like a hen with the pip and spurned his daily food.

There are a good many thousand young and old Americans who know the feeling. Stahl wanted to hit the ball again. The roar of the three-base hit was sweeter music to him than the clink of all the dollars ever coined.

## BOB THAYER'S SPORTING GOSSIP

"EVERY KNOCK IS A BOOST."

Only seven days more.

That Central High School intends to hold on to its track honors this year is shown by the proposition made in the outdoor meets now being held. The competition among the schools is bound to develop a number of good athletes. Just such preparation has resulted success at Central for so many years.

Yale-Cornell tomorrow.

"Country" Morris' work with Jesse Turckett's team at Worcester will be watched with interest. "Country" has a host of admirers who hope that he would be seen in college football. The step the youngster has taken will forever bar him from participation in the gridiron sport.

"Old Growls" at the gate.

Yale is here today meeting Georgetown in their annual game. Coach Quinby's team has had little outdoor practice, but expects to put up a game, calculated to win. Hard work in the cages has made the team fit, although their batting eyes may not be unusually bright. Cornell will be played at the Capital City League grounds tomorrow.

Montano vs. Kilonis.

Frank Sherman, pool expert, is not without his successes. "Country" has the tourney now in progress. Time was when the little cue artist could best them all. A lack of practice may account for the slump taken in the tourney. There are many followers hoping for success, although the outlook is dark.

Turner fails again.

Holy Cross and Catholic University today at Brookland. The Catholic University team will rank with the best in the colleges today, and Holy Cross has always been represented by a strong team. Coach Moran has gotten together a lot of likely looking players some of whom look to be good or professional ball later on.

Sociality run May 18.

Harvard and Yale are getting into line for spring football. Kicking and

passing defense and signals with the instruction given in the rudiments will be about all the coaches have to offer. A line on the freshmen eligibles and a general interest to be kept alive in the extent of the spring work. No tackling will be indulged in.

Commission decides.

Howard Shanks is getting the opportunity sometimes read about. Moeller was about slated to left field and was injured, Shanks taking his place. The boy's success in the last two games stamps him as a sure enough star. He has come through on two occasions with safe hits with men on bases, and his catch in left saved two runs yesterday.

"Muggsy" McInraw gone.

Foster and Spencer showed how far they could heave the ball under excitement in yesterday's game. Foster first pegged to the right field stand, and then Spencer tried out his arm with success in getting the ball to the left field bleachers. All the youngsters are still uncertain in throwing.

Coombs starts well.

That Dixie Walker is going to have the best year in his experience is the consensus of opinion of practically all the fans. The Alabama boy has the stuff, and with proper care of himself can look to being one of the best hurlers in the league. His benders are breaking well, and his control is of the best.

Dreyfuss claims tag.

The Boston Braves, cavorting at the ball yard today, have a squad of thirty-five, a veritable army. But few have been turned back since the team started on its training trip. Experiences in the South, including a run in with a couple of cloudbursts, have left the squad with heavy colds and stiffened joints.

Likes Sox outfield.

Charles Doolin said he never saw an outfield that works better than Trix Speaker, Duffy, Lewis, and Hooper, of the Boston Red Sox.

## HOLY CROSS MEETS BROOKLAND PLAYERS IN CONTEST TODAY

Lynch Will Oppose Ryan, of Catholic University, in Pitching Duel.

Lynch, of Holy Cross, may oppose Ryan, of the Catholic University, in what promises to be one of the best games of the season at Brookland this afternoon. Although Holy Cross suffered a defeat by the University of Pennsylvania yesterday afternoon, the Worcester College nine promises no repetition of yesterday's weakness in one inning which lost the game.

The line-up for the Brookland nine will be substantially the same as that which met the Nationals last week.

"Chief" Greene will be used only as a relief pitcher should the occasion arise. Holy Cross has always had a large following in Washington, and should draw well today.

### Will Play Sunday.

At Union League Park, Fifteenth and H streets northeast, a game well worth witnessing will be played Sunday between the crack Baptist City Club and the team that represent the Postoffice in the Departmental League. Game called at 3 p. m. sharp.

### Kilonis Meets Montano.

John Kilonis, champion middleweight wrestling claimant, will meet Louis Montano, Italian champion, at the Lyceum Theater after the regular performance tonight. No hold will be barred in the match which promises to be one of the roughest of the season.

## LARGE NUMBER OF ENTRANTS FOR THE SOCIABILITY RUN

Lieut. Orme, of Automobile Club of Washington, Expects 300 Starters.

By HARRY WARD.

Entry blanks for the sociability run of the Automobile Club of Washington on May 15 will be issued within the next few days. Capt. Rudolph Jose and Lieut. Gardner Orme are gradually getting the details of the run worked out, and the conditions of the event will be made known at the time the entry blanks are issued. As the finish of the run will be at the club's country home on Georgia avenue, it has been decided to give a buffet luncheon there to all the participants.

"Judging from the numerous inquiries I have already received about the sociability run, it will be the most successful event the club has ever promoted," said Lieutenant Orme. "Many motorists have applied for the privilege of being the first entrant, and when the blanks are issued there promises to be a great scramble for the coveted position of leading the cars on the run. I believe we will have more than 300 starters, including many drivers of electric cars, as the conditions of the run make the electric eligible."

### Pirates Working Hard.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 4.—The Pirates today determined to allow no let-up in the stiff drill Manager Clarke has scheduled for them. They beat the St. Paul club of the American Association 3 to 2 yesterday. Donlin and Wagner did superb clotting.

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Cornell vs. Yale, at Capital City Park.  
Princeton vs. Virginia, at Charlottesville.  
Yankees at Dayton.  
Giants at Baltimore.  
Red Sox at Cincinnati.  
University of Georgia vs. Auburn, at Athens, Ga.  
Buffalo vs. Chattanooga.  
Penn vs. Swarthmore.  
Annual tournament of the Michigan State Bowling Association opens in Jackson.  
Canadian indoor swimming championships, at Montreal.  
Mike Gibbons vs. Ernie Sanders, ten rounds, at South Bend.